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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

November 18, 2003

Representative Shimkus (R – Illinois, 19th District) introduced H.R. 2898 titled “E-911 Implementation Act of 2003” which had bi-partisan support of 42 co-sponsors. The House of Representatives unanimously passed this bill on November 4, 2003 to speed the nation wide rollout of services that will let authorities pinpoint the location of wireless 911 callers.

H.R. 2898 authorizes \$500 million in grants over five years so that dispatch centers can upgrade equipment to establish a national E-911 coordination office. Today, just eighteen percent of dispatch centers can obtain the location of wireless callers. This act has been written to improve homeland security, public safety, and citizens activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhance 911 wireless services.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT the Board of Supervisors take action to support this measure and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send a letter of support to California’s two U.S. Senators and President George W. Bush urging their support and early enactment of H.R. 2898.

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**MOTION TO SUPPORT H.R. 2898, E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2003
(ITEM NO. 6, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003)**

Item No. 6 on the November 18, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe that the Board support H.R. 2898 (Shimkus, R-IL), the E-911 Implementation Act of 2003, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to send letters to President Bush and Senators Feinstein and Boxer urging their support and early enactment of the bill.

H.R. 2898 would establish an E-911 Implementation Coordination Office to facilitate coordination between Federal, state, and local officials and telecommunications industry representatives involved in the implementation of E-911 services that make a wireless caller's telephone number and location automatically available to emergency response personnel. The bill also would authorize \$500 million over five years in matching grants to states and localities to fund E-911 implementation activities, including planning, infrastructure improvements, telecommunication equipment purchases, and training. The Federal match rate would be 50 percent. The bill is supported by the telecommunications industry and by public safety groups such as the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials. There is no organized opposition to the bill.

The House passed H.R. 2898 on a voice vote on November 4, 2003. The Senate has not yet scheduled any action on H.R. 2898. On August 26th, the Senate Commerce Committee reported S. 1250 (Burns, R-MT), the Enhanced 911 Emergency Communications Act of 2003, which would establish a task force to improve coordination between Federal, state, and local officials and telecommunications industry representatives on emergency communications, including improved E-911 services, and which would authorize \$500 million a year in matching grants to improve emergency communications, including E-911 services. S. 1250 has not yet been scheduled for Senate floor action.

The State of California currently is in the process of implementing E-911 services throughout the State, and would benefit if Federal funds were available to help finance E-911 implementation. There are no existing Board policies relating to funding for E-911 services, **and a position on H.R. 2898 is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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